

others. In addition, Vicki has authored *Quiet Moments for Home School Moms and Dads* and *The Basic Steps to Successful Homeschooling*. Terry serves as president of HEN and executive producer of the two live programs.

Mr. Speaker, Terry and Vicki Brady have been excellent role models for parents, particularly those who home school their children. They have contributed to a vital movement toward making our nation's children our first priority. Their outstanding efforts deserve the praise and admiration of us all. My thanks to them for a job well done.

HONORING AND CONGRATULATING
DOUG STERNER ON HIS AP-
POINTMENT AS CHAIRMAN OF
COLORADO STATE BOARD OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, without the courage, patriotism, and self-sacrifice of United States veterans, past and present, we as citizens would not enjoy the freedoms we so often take for granted. I would like to thank a true hero, Doug Sterner, for his commitment to help honor those men and women who have brought honor, freedom, and glory to our Nation. Doug was recently appointed as the new Chairman for the Colorado State Board of Veterans Affairs. A Vietnam War veteran and co-founder of the Home of Heroes campaign in Pueblo, Doug is certainly the right man for the post. I would like to congratulate him, and to thank him for his continued dedication toward bringing services and recognition to America's heroes.

As Doug begins his new role, he will help direct a new grant program that allows veterans access to direct services. For instance, the program will help provide transportation so that veterans can take advantage of needed services. In addition, he plans on developing a statewide Operation Recognition Program that will help allow World War II veterans who did not finish high school to go back and receive an honorary diploma. Dennis Darrow, of The Pueblo Chieftain, recounts Doug as explaining, "the program brings more patriotic education into schools while honoring World War II veterans and other military personnel."

In addition, Doug has started a series of school assemblies in the Pueblo area, which feature Medal of Honor recipients. He has also established the website *HomeOfHeroes.com*, which details veterans' stories, provides free booklets and videos, and allows kids to interact through quizzes and games. This elaborate website provides a wealth of information for children and adults, and has been recognized by The Pueblo Chieftain as "The na-

tion's leading Web site for information about patriotism." Mr. Speaker, I was involved in some of the ceremonies recognizing Medal of Honor recipients as part of the Home of Heroes campaign. I can say from personal experience that Doug Sterner devoted much of himself to see the Home of Heroes project through, and in doing so brought a tremendous amount of needed attention to the sacrifices made on our behalf by Medal of Honor recipients from Pueblo and everywhere else for this Nation.

Mr. Speaker, Doug Sterner exemplifies patriotism and deserves the praise and admiration of this body. His appointment as Colorado State Board of Veterans Affairs Chairman reflects the huge strides he has made in providing education, support, and recognition for those who fought for our fundamental rights. I would like to thank him on behalf of Congress for his extensive work with our Nation's veterans.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BOLIV-
IAN FOLKLORIC GROUP, LOS
KJARKAS

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2001

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Los Kjarkas, a world-renowned Bolivian folkloric group.

The seven members of Los Kjarkas, Gonzalo Hermosa Gonzalez, Elmer Hermosa Gonzalez, Gaston Guardia Bilbao, Eduardo Yanez Loayza, Miguel Mengoa Montes de Oca, Rolando Malpartida Porcel, and Ivan Barrientos Murillo will begin the American portion of their 2001 world tour on July 28th, in New York City.

Often referred to as the Ambassadors of Bolivia, audiences throughout the country will be entertained by Los Kjarkas' folkloric presentations. The music of Los Kjarkas provides audiences with an Andean cultural experience that will enhance their knowledge and exposure to Bolivian customs and traditions.

Before coming to the United States, Los Kjarkas will begin their international tour in Europe with performance throughout Spain and Switzerland. The tour will conclude in South America.

Los Kjarkas has used its fame and notoriety to positively impact the lives of youths throughout Latin America. In 1994, the group established "la fundacion Kjarkas", a foundation devoted to teaching children throughout Latin America how to compose and perform Andean music. As a result of their dedication and commitment, Los Kjarkas has inspired many Latin American children to pursue musical endeavors.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Los Kjarkas for their outstanding

musical contributions and unparalleled commitment to the children of Latin America.

HONORING PAUL ZSCHOKKE—

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to honor a man who has been offered a unique opportunity, Paul Zschokke. Paul has been nominated to spend a week at Space Camp learning the mental, physical and emotional strains that face this Nation's astronauts. This experience will not only benefit Paul, but also the thirty, ten- and eleven-year-old students Paul teaches each year at Highland Park Elementary School.

For eighteen years Paul has been a teacher in Pueblo and in that time he has molded the minds of hundreds of students. Paul was not always interested in teaching, when he was younger electronics was his interest, but when he got to college he decided to major in psychology, because he wanted to spend his life with people. His early interest in science is apparent in Paul's lesson plans. He has been trying to incorporate science and math into his writing curriculum, because writing is such a crucial skill at any age. For the last eight years Paul has been working closely with the Pueblo Boeing plant, to expose his students to aerodynamics, aerospace and how real business functions bring to life math and science. The field trips to the plant have allowed his students a unique perspective on the real life application of the subjects that seem so abstract in the school setting.

The program that Paul has implemented, Pueblo with Boeing, is the main reason that Paul will be attending space camp. Although Paul never wanted to become an astronaut, he did say, "I always wanted to be one of those guys in the white shirts on the ground trying to figure out the problems." By the end of his week at Space Camp, Paul will be at mission control in Houston watching those men "in white shirts" in action. Throughout this experience Paul has set the personal goal of finding more ways to merge English with science. If Paul accomplishes his goal, not only will his life be enriched by this experience, but also the lives of his students.

In a time when Congress is continually looking for a way to improve education in the United States, it is commendable when a teacher takes the initiative to improve his skills and knowledge for the benefit of his students. That is why, Mr. Speaker, I stand before you to recognize Paul Zschokke. Good luck at Space Camp, Paul, and I hope you continue to strive to be the best teacher you can be.